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CAMBRIA MAN IS SENTENCED FOR HIS INVOLVEMENT IN A METHAMPHETAMINE CONSPIRACY

Randy G. Massey, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today the sentencing of a man for his role in a conspiracy to manufacture and possess with intent to distribute over 500 grams of methamphetamine. The sentencing took place in United States District Court at Benton, IL on February 8, 2007.

EUGENE KHOSHABA, 49, of Cambria, IL, was sentenced 292 months imprisonment on one count of an indictment which alleged his involvement in a conspiracy to manufacture and possess with intent to distribute over 500 grams of a mixture and substance containing methamphetamine between November 2001 and May of 2005, in Franklin and Williamson counties. His prison sentence is to be served concurrently with three other sentences of 240 months imprisonment for three separate counts alleging distribution of methamphetamine. In addition to his prison sentence, he was ordered to pay \$400 in fines, \$400 in special assessments and serve a total of five years of supervised release by the United States Probation Department following his release from prison.

According to the factual basis, the defendant was responsible for regularly manufacturing methamphetamine and selling it in Williamson and Franklin counties during the time period of the indictment. Khoshaba also stole anhydrous ammonia and used stolen anhydrous ammonia which others involved in the conspiracy had stolen to manufacture the methamphetamine.

The investigation was conducted by the COMIT Drug Task Force, the Southern Illinois Enforcement Group, the Southern Illinois Drug Task Force, ISP Methamphetamine Response Team, the United States Drug Enforcement Administration and the Sheriff's Department of Franklin County.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Thomas Leggans and Michael Carr.